



# COVID-19 Vaccines Are Free to the Public

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## What You Need to Know

- COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone ages 5 years and older at **no cost**.
- Vaccines were paid for with taxpayer dollars and will be given free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of insurance or immigration status.
- COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help stop the pandemic.
- CDC recommends you [get a COVID-19 vaccine](#) as soon as you can.

## Be Aware of Scams

If anyone asks you to pay for access to a COVID-19 vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to a vaccine for an extra fee.

### COVID-19 vaccination providers cannot:

- Charge you for a vaccine
- Charge you directly for any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or is out of network
- Charge an office visit or other fee to the recipient if the only service provided is a COVID-19 vaccination
- Require additional services in order for a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; however, additional healthcare services can be provided at the same time and billed as appropriate

### COVID-19 vaccination providers can:

- Seek appropriate reimbursement from the recipient's plan or program (e.g., private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid) for a vaccine administration fee
  - However, providers **cannot** charge the vaccine recipient the balance of the bill.

## Anyone in the United States Can Get Vaccinated

The federal government is providing vaccines **free of charge** to everyone 5 years and older living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

CDC does not require U.S. citizenship for individuals to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Jurisdictions (state, tribal, local, and territorial) cannot add U.S. citizenship requirements or require U.S. citizenship verification as a requirement for vaccination.

### More Information

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